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SUBJECT: TURKISH AMBASSADOR RE TIMING OF UNGA DEBATE ON
CYPRUS AND DISCUSSION OF ASSISTANCE TO CYPRUS REFUGEES IN
NATO FORUM

1. TURKISH AMBASSADOR ESENBEL CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS SISCO OCTOBER 24 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO
SAY THAT: (1) GOT HOPED US WOULD REDOUBLE ITS EFFORTS TO
GET GREEKS TO AGREE TO DELAY UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE UNTIL
AFTER SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ANKARA AND, (2) GOT DOES NOT
WANT NATO DISCUSSION OF HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO CYPRIOT
REFUGEES FOR FEAR DISCUSSION WILL WANDER INTO POLITICAL
ASPECTS OF CYPRUS SITUATION.

2. ON FIRST POINT, UNDER SECRETARY SISCO SAID US HAS MADE
SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT TO GET UNGA DEBATE DELAYED, BUT ATHENS
WANTS TO PROCEED ON OCTOBER 28TH, AND WE DO NOT FIND ANY
SENTIMENT AMONG OTHER UN MEMBERS FOR DELAY. IT IS OUR
JUDGMENT, THEREFORE, THAT DEBATE WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE

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AS SCHEDULED. SISCO MADE ESENBEL AWARE THAT IN AMBASSADOR

MACOMBER'S MOST RECENT CONVERSATION WITH ECEVIT AND GUNES, MACOMBER FOUND TURKISH LEADERSHIP HAD PRETTY MUCH REACHED SAME CONCLUSION AS OUR OWN.

3. REGARDING ESENBEL'S SECOND POINT, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, SAID THAT IN SUGGESTING IN BRUSSELS THAT NATO COULD USEFULLY DISCUSS MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO CYPRUS RELIEF, IT HAD NOT BEEN US INTENTION TO GET NATO INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ASPECTS OF CYPRUS QUESTION. RATHER WE HAD BELIEVED NATO POSSIBLY USEFUL FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERS' HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS WHICH WOULD AVOID DUPLICATION. WE HAD ALSO THOUGHT SUCH DISCUSSION WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH MEMBER NATIONS' FELT NEEDED TO BROADEN SCOPE OF ALLIANCE'S INTERESTS. STABLER NOTED THAT WASHINGTON HAS NOT FURTHER PUSHED IDEA OF NATO CONSIDERATION SINCE RECEIVING REPORT OF TURKISH PERMREP'S INDICATION TO US CHARGE THAT GOT DID NOT DESIRE IT. INGERSOLL

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